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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6924

BILL NUMBER: SB 360

DATE PREPARED: Mar 18, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Mar 14, 2002

SUBJECT: Civil Actions Involving LP Gas.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (CCR Amended) This bill permits an individual to bring a civil action against a person who misuses a liquified petroleum (LP) gas container. The bill permits a party to recover damages, court costs and attorney's fees.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional court cases occur against person who misuse LP gas container, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if court fees are collected. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$100 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$100 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts.

Information Sources: